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March 31, 1997

Dear Patty and Frank and the many others involved,

On behalf of the Lea family, I want to thank you so much for the flowers from the Margaret Eaton School Friends at Mom's funeral. The flowers were beautiful and were from Mom's favourite Toronto Florist - Eunice Denby.

I was lucky to have accompanied Mom to many of the small M.E.S. reunions in Aurora, and to the 55th in Banff, and I had the pleasure of meeting many of her wonderful and lifetime friends. I now have the difficult job of informing them of her passing. She died quite suddenly, but peacefully and at home on January 2nd after a wonderful Christmas season celebrated with friends and family.

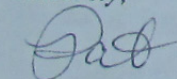
Her papers were in quite a state, just finding names, addresses and other documents in her home is hard and telling people of her passing is such a difficult task, I am just getting near the end of it now. I am hoping the M.E.S. network kept all informed.

I would also like to personally thank you, Patty, for all your support to Mom over the past many years. To you and Frank, and all the M.E.S. girls, whose calls, letters (particularly the round-robin!) and visits made her handicaps and isolation more bearable - many thanks. We'll all miss her, but find comfort in the support of friends and in many shared memories.

On March 1st, we had a memorial service for Mom in the little church in Magnetawan that she loved so much. It was a celebration of her life and we shared many memories with her friends in that area. It was a special time for all of us and so much better than the funeral (of which I personally can recall very little), in that it was a memorial to a life well lived. I said a few words on behalf of her friends and family - it was difficult, but I felt great for having done it. Somehow I know she would have liked it.

It is so good to know that we have such caring friends and family, your support has sure us through some most difficult times. Nothing prepares us for this type of loss and it is at a time like this that we realize the importance of friends and family, - thanks for being there for Mom over the years. She really looked forward to your cards and letters which she shared with her family. She had many good friends and I feel that many of them are friends of mine as well. I hope all is well with you and yours. Please feel free to contact me at the address above or by phone at 1-705-728-0309.

Sincerely,



Pat Lea Devereaux
(for the 5 Lea children)

I have her MES gold medal and will treasure it always.

I am sending this letter to as many of the group as I have addresses for. P.

M.E.S.

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July 30, '97

Friends/Classmates!

A final bit of correspondence before
meeting at our reunion in September.

Firstly I shall relay to you who will be attending:

- Dorothy Munsie (Frappier)
- Anne Toole (Lyster) and Ned
- Dorothy Sangster (Forsyth)
- Ruth Corner
- Gwen Murray (Baalim) and Lloyd
- Margaret Lathrop (Davison) and Anna
- Joan Hillary (Brown)
- Winn Johnston (McLennan)
- Patty Sanders (Sterne) and Frank
- Phoebe Hamilton

Comments from those unable to attend will be relayed at the Dinner.

The itinerary will pretty much follow what was suggested in my February letter:

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 10/97

- Janice and I will be at the Hotel Fort Gary from noon on to meet you as you arrive. Check in is not officially until 3PM, but the rooms will quite likely be ready ahead of time. We have arranged to have a hospitality suite for Wednesday night and Thursday, so we have a place to gather etc. The people at the desk will inform you as you check in as to what the room number of this suite will be. Please remember to mention you are with the Margaret Eaton School Reunion. Sherraine Christopherson is the person who has been looking after our bookings

- A Wine and Cheese reception will start at 7:30PM in the Hospitality Suite - hopefully this will be an opportunity to begin our re-acquaintance and be a fun start to the next few days.

THURSDAY Sept. 11:

- Breakfast (independantly) - suggested in the Broadway Room on the Main floor.
- 9:30 (Aprox.) - CITY TOUR - aboard the River Rouge Double Decker bus - This is a fabulous tour which includes many attractions, such as the St. Boniface Basilica, Down Town, the Exchange District, China Town, Legislative Buildings, a drive along one of the most beautiful and prestigious streets in the city (Wellington Cresc.), Assiniboine Park including a stop at the Leo Mohl art museum and gift shop, English Gardens and Conservatory. The cost of this tour is \$14.95 + GST. Hopefully all will be willing to go along.
- We shall have the Tour Bus drop us at the Forks, which is the location of our lunch - in one of the very attractive restaurants along the two Rivers which form the Forks. (Red and Assiniboine - likely to be behaving themselves and remain in their banks!!)
- The afternoon will be left free to wonder the shops (The Forks is just across the street from the Hotel Fort Gary), or return to the Hotel for R&R, visiting or even some Bridge, in the Hospitality Suite. This room is available until 4:30.
- MES '39 Class Dinner will be in one of the Salon rooms on the first floor of the Hotel, and will begin with cocktails at 6PM, with seating for dinner at 6:30. We are free to stay however long we like for the evening. There will be a cash bar.

FRIDAY Sept. 12:

- Because there are varying departure times etc., I thought it best to leave arrangements for breakfast until we are all together to make plans. Anything is possible!!

Re: Finances. I thank each and every one of you for sending along the deposit we suggested. To date I have only used this for the deposit at the Hotel. I predict it will cover the costs of :

- The Hospitality Suite
- Wednesday evening reception
- special 'remembrances' of the reunion
- various mailing costs
- misc - will be itemized when known

Other personal expenses will include

- room
- breakfasts
- City Tour (\$16.00)
- Lunch on Thursday at the Forks
- Dinner (aprox . \$27.00)

Hopefully these final plans are agreeable to all - Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on Septmeber 10th!

Sincerely,
Dorothy

Any specific requests are gratefully appreciated re: activities. The Hotel has graciously agreed to arrange a "common meeting area" to play cards, visit etc.

Golf is available at a course very near by. Please let me know if you'd like this arranged.

The Hotel is 'on standby' for me to confirm rooms.

At this point, I think it reasonable to ask a firm commitment, and a 'deposit' of \$50.00/person to put towards expenses and deposits required etc..

I've made up a form which hopefully will be easy to fill out, and help us be organized. If you would complete this and send it along as soon as possible it would be very much appreciated.

In view of Janice's helping me with this, as she is in Winnipeg, I suggest that your replies be sent to her, along with your deposit cheques.

I know I have had some 'no's' from some of you, but have decided to send this mailing along anyway, just in case you've changed your mind. Would surely be wonderful to have everyone here!! Come and see the site of the next Pan Am Games (1999)!

Dorothy O.

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